

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following heading before line 1 on page 1:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading after line 2 on page 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading between lines 14 and 15 on page 1 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 31-32, as follows:

By virtue of these provisions, the elementary operations ~~effected~~ affected by the system are accessible in the hierarchical description and can be edited by the tool user.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 33-34, as follows:

According to particular characteristics, for at least one screen, a user can ~~effect~~ affect mapping of elementary operations onto components represented in a synthetic view.

Please insert the following heading after line 2 on page 16 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading after line 15 on page 16 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS